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Mr. Milo Perkins
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Dear Milo:

I want to let you know how much I appreciated
the editorial that you were so good to send me.
Many thanks.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

/S/ A. W. D.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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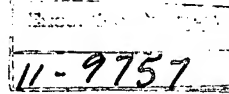
Handwritten P. S. It was a pleasure to see you the other evening.

I asked J. C. to get your further views on

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Also I hope you rec'd the copies of my talks. AWD

MILO PERKINS



Dear Mr. Dulles:

Here is the editorial of Bill Mathew's
of which I spoke last night.

Milo Perkins

The Arizona Daily Star
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1959

Castro Is Betraying Cubans

People Still Under Hard Dictatorship

By WILLIAM R. MATHEWS

As one of the group of reporters who interviewed Fidel Castro of Cuba last February 28, and who publicly endorsed what he was trying to do in bringing into power a reform government, the time has come to reverse the position I took.

Most of us who questioned him there in Cuba and again in Washington believed what so many Cubans believed, that he was trying to bring into power a democratic government to replace the Batista dictatorship; that his objective was a government of rigid honesty, responsibility and humanity; that he would have nothing officially to do with Communists; that under his government the Cuban people would be inspired to have confidence in themselves and their future.

The record since that time has been a most discouraging one. Few dictators anywhere have liquidated more of their political opponents than he has. Many of the people Castro liquidated were people of character who believed in what he first proclaimed, but soon found out that criticism would be treated as a counterrevolutionary crime. Thousands of Cubans are in prison because they dared to criticize. How many are executed daily no one knows save the Castro regime.

Along with this reckless intemperance in political activity, Castro has treated active Communists like some holy men! That those who criticize Communists come in for bellicose denunciation—men like Jules Dubois, a personal friend, and former President Figueres of Costa Rica—emphasizes how strong the Communist influence is.

There are many indications that Communist-inspired discipline and conduct, known as Stalinism, meet with the full approval of Premier Castro.

Castro's program is much the same thing—exterminate your opposition, get clandestine control of the military forces, the police and education, even if many heads must roll.

Never in all of the many revolutions in Latin America have so

many individuals been executed after the cessation of hostilities.

How long will it be before a "Peoples Democracy" is proclaimed?

The anti-Yankee, anti-imperialist posture fits into this picture, also. It has been used all over the world, and in places with serious harm to American interests. Thus we see Castro in one breath denouncing America, boasting that he needs no help, and in the next breath reduced to a whisper, begging for financial help.

Blackmail is used extensively to threaten American investments in order to persuade our government to adopt a lenient attitude. Certainly, it is time our government refused to make any kind of financial advances to any government anywhere that officially indulges in premeditated insults and blackmail.

Generosity in such circumstances will be considered as a sign of weakness, and only will intensify the anti-Yankee campaign. The time has come to maintain our self-respect, and not to pamper a young political leader whose word is worthless.

There should be no military intervention on our part. The Cuban people will have to learn how to govern themselves eventually. Therefore, we might as well let the revolution run its course. It will impoverish the people of Cuba to a point of extreme suffering.

If American investments that are wealth-producing enterprises are going to be confiscated, let the Cubans make that record. It will mean that no more of them will be made in Cuba, and that means the future of the people of Cuba will be a black one. It should mean that while official relations can continue, there can be no friendship by either the government or the people of the United States with Cuba and her people.

If they want to hate us, we cannot help it. Our hands are clean. We have done nothing to be ashamed of. We cannot be friendly with any government or any people who boast how they can spit in our faces. That principle should apply not only to Cuba, but to every other government in the world.

This revolution is a test of the character of the Cuban people. Surely there are in Cuba men and women who will weld themselves together gradually to form an opposition, even though many of them will pay for it with their lives.

Unfortunately, much more suffering looms, because only suffering will bring out the leadership that will cause the people to repudiate the prima-donna actor, who now masquerades part of the time as a wonderful Santa Claus, while acting part of the time as one of the reckless and cruel tyrants of our modern day.

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